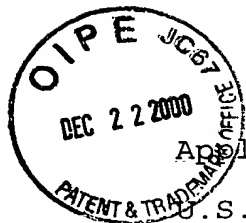


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 19, 2000 FINAL OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a June 19, 2000 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 19, 2000 Final Office Action was originally due September 19, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three month extension of time for a small entity is \$445.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response is now due December 19, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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